

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent.

Claims 2 and 4 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the claims in order to place the claims in better form. The claim amendments are not being made in response to any statutory requirement for patentability, and have not been narrowed in scope. Instead, the claims have been amended merely to recite the subject matter therein more clearly.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has set forth an Election of Species Requirement as follows:

Species	Figure(s)
A	2
B	3

ELECTION

In order to comply with the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species A, Figure 2, readable on claims 1-3 and 5-9, for prosecution in the present application. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 5-9 are generic. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired. This requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed.

As set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.146, a reasonable number of species are permitted in a single application. The present application contains a reasonable number of species. Further, examination of all of the species together in one application would not place an undue burden on the Examiner, as it would involve the examination of only one additional claim. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable number of species are set forth in the present application.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the requirement for election of species, and an action on all of the claims in the application, are respectfully requested.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

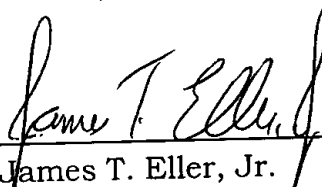
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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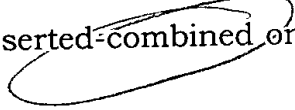
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) The structure of claim 1, wherein the elastic supporting means comprises:

an outer supporting protrusion portion, three or more of which are formed along the inner circumferential surface **of the outer casing** at a same height **[as the inner circumferential surface of the outer casing];**

a **first** spring fixing member inserted-combined  on a side surface of the outer supporting protrusion portion;

an inner supporting protrusion portion, three or more of which are formed **[on the perpendicular line opposed to the outer supporting protrusion portion]** on the outer circumferential surface of the inner casing **and facing the outer supporting protrusion portion;**

a **second** spring fixing member inserted-combined on one side of the inner supporting protrusion portion; and

an elastic member positioned **between [on the opposed surface of]** the **first** spring fixing member[s] **and the second spring fixing member,** for elastically supporting the inner casing on the outer casing.

4. (Amended) The structure of claim 1, wherein the elastic supporting means comprises:

an elastic member mounting hole, three or more of which are formed

being penetrated at a certain portion of the inner casing;

an outer supporting protrusion portion, three or more of which are formed along the inner circumferential surface **of the outer casing** at a same height **[as the inner circumferential surface of the outer casing], [protruding] and which penetrate** the elastic member mounting hole;

a **first** spring fixing member inserted-combined on a side surface of the outer supporting protrusion portion;

a **second** spring fixing member inserted-combined on one side of a **[the]** main frame; and

an elastic member positioned **between [on an opposed surface of]** the **first** spring fixing member[s] **and the second spring fixing member**, for elastically supporting the inner casing on the outer casing.